SILVERWINGS

"Back to the basics"

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Weather



Today
High: 87, Low: 66
Partly Cloudy



Saturday
High: 85, Low: 66
Isolated T-storms





Monday
High: 84, Low: 65
Scattered T-storms

News Briefs

Safety Hotline now available

The BLAZE Safety Hotline is now active for all your safety needs. Whether you need to report an unsafe situation or just make a recommendation on a safer way to accomplish the BLAZE mission, call 434-SAFE 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

ALS Graduation

The Airman Leadership School graduation will be Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbus Club.

POW/MIA Ceremony

There will be a POW/MIA Retreat Ceremony Sept. 18 at 3 p.m. in Smith Plaza, with a missing man formation.

Inside



Feature 8

The Columbus Air Force Base Honor Guard is featured in this week's Silverwings.



J.S. Air Force photo/Melissa Duncai

First Lt. Robert Long, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-14 senior ranking officer, presents Maj. Gen. Jack Ramsaur, mobilization assistant to the commander Air Education and Training Command and Class 09-14 graduation guest speaker, with a token of the classes appreciation for his words of wisdom and advice Sept. 4

General Ramsaur speaks at Class 09-14 graduation

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The graduation speaker for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 09-14 told the assembled graduates and their guests that while they've completed a very tough road, they have plenty ahead of them.

Maj. Gen. Jack Ramsaur, Mobilization he said.

Assistant to the Commander, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, gave the graduates three main pieces of advice to help them start their new careers: be a leader, know your weapons system and be ready.

"We're going to ask a lot of you, but that is what service before self is all about," he said The general said being a leader takes hard work, enthusiasm and a can-attitude. But, he said a leader who has those traits will make a positive impact on their squadron.

General Ramsaur also said the new pilots should pay attention, stay focused and work during the next phase of their training, so that they can become very

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COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE

PHASE II			PHASE III				IFF				WING SORTIE BOARD				
	Senior	Squadron			Senior	Squadron			Senior	Squadron		Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
Squadron	Class	Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Class	Overall	Graduation	Squadron 49th (09-KB)	Class 0.35 days	Overall 0.36 days	Graduation Sept. 14	T-6	852	852	30,376
37th (10-09)	-1.28 days	-2.25 days	Oct. 21	48th (09-15)	-4.74 days	0.96 days	Oct. 2					T-1	301	243	11,313
41st (10-08)	4.35 days	0.55 days	Sept. 25	50th (10-01)	-1.86 days	1.46 days	Oct. 23					T-38	297	279	8,528
The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. Maurice Forsyth, commander of the Spaatz Center for Education, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.										IFF	98	26	2,709		

MYK

Columbus AFB Honor Guard seeks Airmen to help serve and honor



Members of the Columbus Base Honor Guard not only come from the enlisted ranks E-1 through E-6, but also include lieu-



Members of the Columbus Air Force Base Honor Guard practice in their ceremonial uniform. The honor guard is currently recruiting sharp, disciplined Airmen to serve.

Senior Airman Jacob Corbin

munity events; and currently they're recruiting. year.

The Columbus Air Force Base Honor On average, Sergeant Keomanila said, it formal events as manpower allows.

percent of what they're allotted, and Honor Those selected for honor guard will attend to join them in helping to honor military traditions and courtesies. Honor guard duty is an the hard work is most certainly worth it. additional duty and does not replace a member's "Being able to provide the last military rites main Air Force role.

offer," he said.

The honor guard is open to enlisted memtake part in this duty.

Those interested in becoming a part of the honor guard must first attain commander or the Columbus AFB Honor Guard should confirst sergeant recommendation, following that tact Sergeant Keomanila at 434-2140, or by on Sergeant Keomanila said the Airman will be base e-mail.

14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs But serving on the honor guard isn't for everyone; according to Sergeant Keomanila To some they are the definition of dress and their unit supports over 40,000 square miles, appearance, bearing and discipline and are the including parts of Mississippi and Tennessee. public face of the Air Force at numerous com- Each honor guard tour is a minimum of one

Guard's main mission is to support funerals for takes around a month and a half of practices for retirees and active duty members, but they also new honor guard members to become proficient post colors, hold retreat ceremonies and other enough to take part in actual events. But he said, being a member of the team is a continu-Currently, that manpower is just over fifty ous learning and improvement process.

Guard NCOIC Tech. Sgt. Chin Keomanila said practices each week on Wednesdays, and will they are looking for sharp, disciplined Airmen be required to take an active part in the unit.

But according to Sergeant Keomanila, all

to someone who has served honorably is a big "We always have openings and are always sense of pride," Sergeant Keomanila said. looking for the best the BLAZE Team has to "When you're on the honor guard, you're a part of an elite team."

Additionally, each honor guard members is bers E-1 through E-6 and officers wishing to provided with a ceremonial honor guard uniform and free dry-cleaning of that uniform.

Those interested in becoming a member of



Senior Airman (then Airman 1st Class) Siddharth Sunny holds a flag during honor



An Airman with the Columbus AFB Honor Guard reveals a name added to the memorial wall in Smith Plaza. The Columbus AFB Honor Guard supports funerals for retirees and active duty military members in a 40,000 square mile area, including areas of both Mississippi and Tennessee. In addition they support other ceremonial events as manpower allows.



Airmen with the Columbus AFB Honor Guard present the colors at an event. While the honor guard's main mission is to support funerals of retirees and active duty military members, they also support other



Second Lt. Benjamin DeRiggi, a transitional lieutenant awaiting pilot training, folds a flag at honor guard practice Sept. 2 in the Services

SERVICES

Base families offered a variety of activities

Bowling Center Daily Specials

Monday - chicken marinara sandwich with choice of fries and medium drink - \$6; Tuesday - 2 dozen popcorn shrimp, choice of fries and medium drink for \$5.25; Wednesday – 4 chicken tenders smothered with cheese and gravy with a side of green beans and medium drink for \$5.25; Thursday - popcorn chicken, choice of fries and medium red slaw, baked beans or fries and medium drink for call 434-2505. \$5.75. Call 434-3526 to place an order to go.

Parents Night Out

The youth center offers this program from 5-11 p.m. Sept. 18 during the Air Force Ball. Cost is \$4 per hour and includes free food and cosmic bowling at the bowling center. A \$5 deposit is required to hold your slot. Come early for the Boys and Girls Club Day for Kids from 3:30-5:30 p.m. This is free for youth center members. For more information, call the youth center at 434-2504.

New Orleans Football Trips

The ITT office offers a trip Oct. 17-18 to New Orleans for the Saints vs Giants game at noon Oct. 18. Price is \$160 per person and includes transportation, double occupancy at the Crown Plaza Hotel, game ticket and shuttle from the hotel to the game. The next game is Dec. 19-20 with the Saints versus Cowboys. The prices are the same. Limited seats are available. For more information, call 434-7858.

Casino tour

The next trip to Philadelphia, Miss to the Silver Star and Golden Moon Casinos is Sept. 4. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation and \$25 in game tokens. For more information, call 434-7858.

Disney World Trip

The ITT offers a last chance Disney Military Salute Tour to Disney World in Orlando, Fla. Dec.

on International Drive. Cost for a family of four is \$995 for one active or retired ID card holder as one of the four. The price includes transportation, hotel which includes complimentary breakfast, Disney tickets for the entire stay, and shuttle service in our bus. Must have 20 people registered to offer this trip. A \$100 deposit is required per person and will be drink for \$5.25; Friday – pulled pork sandwich with nonrefundable after Nov. 23. For more information,

Whispering Pines Lunch time Burrito

The burrito bar during lunch at the golf course is available Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Build your burrito or salad for just \$6.50 per person and includes your burrito or salad with chips, salsa and medium drink. For more information, call 434-7932.

Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive

The youth center is hosting this worth cause from Sept. 14 to Oct. 16. Drop off your canned foods at the youth center. For more information, call Terry at 434-2504.

Full day care available for city school children

The Youth Center's school age program offers full care Sept. 28. Limited slots are available. For more information, call Terry at 434-2504.

Youth fall soccer registration

Register by Sept. 25 for the fall soccer program for ages 3 to 18. Cost is \$35 per play for ages 5 to 18 and \$25 per play for ages 3-4. Coaches are needed. For more information, call Brittany at 434-2504.

Biker Niaht

19-23. Stay at the newly remodeled La Quinta Inn from 5 to 9 p.m. every Monday night during the \$100 shipboard credit. Cost for three people in a months of September and October. Bring in your helmet and receive one free burger. For more information, call 434-3577.

Jimmy Buffett Night

The bowling center offers this celebration of Jimmy Buffett's music with \$1 beverages and \$1 cheeseburgers starting at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 17. For more information, call 434-3577.

Grandparents Day

The bowling center is offering two free games of bowling and free shoe rental for grandparents all day Sept. 13. For more information, call 434-3577.

Veterinary Clinic new hours of oper-

Effective September 1, the new hours of the Vet Clinic will be open Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Clinics will be twice a month, please call for appointments. September clinics are Sept. 1-2 and Sept. 15-16. October clinics are Oct. 6-7 and Oct. 13-14. For more information, call 434-2281.

Youth and Adult crafts classes

The Arts and Crafts Center offers classes for youth and adult every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. All youth classes are \$5 each. Take Home Crafts kits are \$3 each. A display of the upcoming projects are in the lobby of the arts and crafts center. For more information, call 434-7836.

Cruise in 2010

The information ticket and tour office has a great seven-day Halloween cruise special out of Mobile, Ala. Oct. 30, 2010. Visit the Grand Caymen Islands, Montego Bay and Cozumel on this cruise. The bowling center offers a free cheeseburger Cost is \$875.70 for two people and that includes a more. Call 434-2507 for more information.

room is \$1123.54 and four people in a room is \$1371.38. These are inside-cabin rates. Outside cabin rates will be slightly higher. A \$25 deposit is required by Oct. 1 and \$250 is due by May 1 with final payment due Aug. 1, 2010. For more information, call 434-2507.

Horseback riding lessons

Outdoor Recreation is offering riding lessons and special occasion rides. For more information, call 434-2505 or 7861.

Youth Employment Skills (YES) Program

The YES Program is an on-base volunteer program for high school students that pays \$4 per hour through the AF Aid Society. YES allows high school students to "bank" \$4 in grant funding for every hour volunteered in an on-base function. Students may accumulate as much as 250 hours over all 4 years of high school. Teens must be dependents of active duty air force to be eligible and must be at least a freshman in high school. For more information, contact Mr. Hamilton at 434-2504.

Parents time out

The child development center offers a parents time out every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children, ages 1-3 years of age. Cost is \$20 for the day. For more information, call Martha Mann at 434-2479.

Tickets available

The information, ticket and travel office has discounted tickets for Disney World, Universal Studios, Dollywood, Sea World, Busch Gardens, Six Flags Over Georgia, the Memphis Zoo, Alabama Adventure, the Dixie Stampede, Geyser Falls, and

Sergeant honored for lifesaving action

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72nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. — A Tinker Air Force NCO received the Airman's Medal in September here for the actions he and two friends did to rescue a group of drowning college exchange students in 2007.

Staff Sgt. Chris Harlan of the 965th Airborne Air Control Squadron earned the Airman's Medal for heroism involving the voluntary risk of life outside of combat.

his friends were on a weekend fishing trip.

"On the way home we stopped off at Turner Falls," Sergeant Harlan said. Then an airman, he and two friends were returning from their Columbus Day weekend fishing trip when he decided to stop at the fall to show his friends some of Oklahoma's scenic

He noticed five students, all exchange students from India attending Oklahoma City University, wading into the water. But when one slipped into deeper water, the others were dragged in.

"We got over there as quickly as possible," Sergeant Harlan Sergeant Harlan said he remembers the day well, as he and said. "The first thought is, of course, nobody is drowning. But that lasted a millisecond."

Disregarding their own safety — and the frigid water — Sergeant Harlan and his friends dove in to the rescue. Within minutes they managed to pull four of the five students from the water. Sergeant Harlan organized bystanders to help search and to call for help.

Sergeant Harlan said the day at Turner Falls illustrated how tenuous life can be. It has made him cherish his own family more.

Within five minutes of showing up there, somebody lost their life. Things can change fast," he said. "It just makes you appreciate what you have. A lot of people experience loss and tragedy ... but people forget how quickly you can lose a loved one.

AF NEWS

Air Force officials reactivate 69th Bomb Squadron at Minot

Tech. Sgt. Lee Osberry Jr. 5th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. — Air Force officials reactivated the 69th Bomb Squadron Sept. 3 at Minot Air

The new unit is the fourth operational B-52H Stratofortress squadron in the Air Force and joins the 23rd Bomb Squadron as the second squadron here.

The new squadron was established to provide each B-52 wing with two active-duty combat coded squadrons, which will give the Air Force "bench depth" to rotate the squadrons across the mission sets as recommended in the Defense Science Board

Barksdale AFB, La., has two operational B-52H units, the 20th Bomb Squadron and the 96th Bomb Squadron.

The much-anticipated stand up was previously announced in 2008 and extensive studies were conducted to determine which base the unit would best fit. Minot AFB was announced as the home and the 69th BS was designated for reactivation 69th activation ceremony Sept. 3, 2009, at Minot Air Force

"The activation of the 69th Bomb Squadron at Minot Air Stratofortress squadron in the Air Force and joins the 23rd Force Base is a historic event that continues the legacy of the Bomb Squadron as the second squadron at Minot AFB. distinguished 69th Bomb Squadron," said Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Carpenter, the 8th Air Force commander. "In World War II, the nuclear and conventional missions of the B-52 fleet." the 69th Bomb Squadron deployed A-26 and B-26 bombers to after its initial activation, the 69th Bomb Squadron returns to Pacific theater during World War II. Furthermore, the unit was conducting safe, secure and reliable nuclear operations.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Benjamin Stratton
69th Bomb Squadron members watch as the squadron commander addresses them for the first time during the

provide deterrence forces and help balance the demands of both

Base, N.D. The new unit is the fourth operational B-52H

Australia and the South Pacific. And during the Vietnam War, definitely a logical choice," said Lt. Col. Kevin J. Notari, 5th 🛮 nuclear enterprise. the 69th Bomb Squadron stepped up to the plate and deployed Operations Group Det. 1 commander. "Both units fought

the first Air Force unit to fly night low-level combat sorties during the first three days of Desert Storm.'

As a result, 10 B-52 aircraft from Barksdale AFB will flow to Minot AFB between October and April 2010.

There won't be a significant number of personnel that will flow with the aircraft, as personnel for the new squadron will flow in gradually through the normal (permanent change of station) process and support from the 23rd Bomb Squadron.

"This activation is a measure of the confidence our nation has in the men and women of Minot Air Force Base," said North Dakota Gov. John Hoeven. "The 69th Bomb Squadron will bring approximately 1,000 new military members and their families to the state and will be a major asset to the community, Minot Air Force Base and our nation," he added.

The squadron is expected to mirror the other three currently established active B-52 squadrons. As the squadron builds up, many of the resources and functions from the 23rd BS will be shared including training, exercises and deployments.

"This adds flexibility to the Air Force Global Strike Command mission," said Maj. William Byers, the 5th OG Det. 1, chief of standard evaluations. "The 69th allows for an even distribution of operations tempo between the 2nd Bomb Wing and 5th BW, and at the same time, supports the persistent presence in United States Pacific Command," he added. This will help refine and focus nuclear mission training for B-52 units "The 69th has close ties with the 5th (Bomb Wing), and is and is part of continued Air Force efforts to reinvigorate the

The Air Force has a legacy of providing strategic capabili-B-52 aircraft to Guam and Thailand. Now more than 65 years simultaneously out of two different locations in the Southwest ties as stewards of the nuclear enterprise, and is committed to

AFMC leaders continue to focus on nuclear sustainment

Air Force Materiel Command Public

BASE, Ohio — Sustaining the Air Force mid 1990s. Two well-publicized mishandlings nuclear arsenal was emphasized by the com- of nuclear components in recent years high- tant priorities for the command, including mander of Air Force Materiel Command as he lighted the need for the Air Force to regain acquisition improvement and efforts to bolster led center and wing commanders along with emphasis on the nuclear sustainment mission. AFMC headquarters senior staff through two days of in-depth discussions during the com- on-going, including activation of the new Air better achieve its warfighter-support mission. mand's semi-annual senior leaders conference Force Global Strike Command, the organiza-

ence to reinforce AFMC's vital role as caretak- Also, he said his center is almost complete report on the Global Logistics Support Center, the American Federation of Government

"Sustaining our nuclear assets remains our No. 1 priority," the general told attendees. We have to ensure seamless transitions without known as high velocity maintenance — an ini-"Every one of us has a role in this responsibili-gaps," General Thomas said. "We have tough tiative to reduce the time aircraft are out of ty. Our nuclear force must remain a reliable challenges that we are going to have to work service undergoing programmed depot mainted to address an AFMC senior

His views were echoed by Brig. Gen. Everett H. Thomas, the commander of Weapons Center staff continues to grow and

AFMC's Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center develop plans, programs and processes to sus- were updated on current and future ways for at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. General tain the service's nuclear assets, to include the AFMC to conserve energy, including the use of Thomas said the Air Force lost focus on man- establishment of an Air Force nuclear manage- several renewable and alternative energy agement of its nuclear weapons as the service ment training course that is being hailed as a sources. WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE went through organizational transitions in the "big hit."

tion responsible for employing the nuclear on issues central to how AFMC improves the will take place. Gen. Donald J. Hoffman used the conferassets managed and maintained by AFMC. with its third phase of realignments.

on for a long time."

He added that the Air Force Nuclear Ga.

General Hoffman emphasized other importhe size of the command's civilian workforce. General Thomas said improvements are He said a robust workforce will help AFMC

way it carries out its mission, including a status "We must not repeat mistakes of the past. Warner Robins Air Logistics Center's initiative

Topics relating to the command's "people" priorities included workforce management and an update on the National Security Personnel System. While a Department of Defense team reviewed NSPS earlier this year and recommended it be restructured, no decisions have Conference attendees heard other updates been announced on what type of restructuring

Scott Blanch, president of Council 214 of Centralized Asset Management and the Employees, the largest union representing AFMC civilian workers, spoke to the gathering in what he said was the first time a union offinance. The center is located at Robins AFB, leader conference. He praised the strong relationship AFGE has with the command calling During a special "green" session, conferees it a "model for the Department of Defense."

COMMUNITY

Donate dresses

Commissary

The Commissary is having its World Wide Case Lot Sale on September 11-12, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 a.m.

Base News

Pioneer Club

The CAFB Chapel has begun registration for the children's program Pioneer Club. The program will be held each Wednesday evening 6 p.m. to 7:3 Op.m. This program is open to children ages three years thru seventh grade. This is an ecumenical religious program geared to teach children about Christ in every aspect of life. A pot luck dinner will be served each week at 5 p.m. parents must join their children at dinner.

COSC Fashion Show

The next Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club function will be a "Tea Party & Fashion Show" on Tuesday, September 22, at 6:00 pm at the Columbus Club. Please come and see OSC Spouses modeling the latest trends in fashion and jewelry. The menu includes Green Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette, Shepherd's Pie, Trifle Dessert and assorted English Teas. Price is \$12 Columbus Club members and \$14 for non-Columbus Club members. RSVP is required by noon on Thursday, Sept. 17 to coscrsvp@yahoo.

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible

The CAFB Chapel will be holding a variety of Adult Bible Studies from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A Pot Luck dinner will be served at 5 p.m., please bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able. Please call the Chapel at 434-2500 for a list of studies.

Pinnacle Drive-in Movie Night

There will be a Pinnacle Drive in Movie Night on Saturday Sept. 12, across the street from Fire Department at 7:30 pm to watch Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull.

Columbus Idol II

The Columbus Idol II event is right around the corner! If you've been wondering who these courageous and outstanding performers are that will be battling for the grand prize of \$300, here they are! These are your 2009 Columbus Idol II Performers: Christina Godlewski, Becca Hepner-Liston, Tracy Tate, Becky Rigdon-Ousley, Janel Hamilton, Jesse Wilhelm, Natasha Sykes, Aundre Lawrence, Heather Hildrich, Kareema Palmer, Julietle Zuber, Lillie Ivv. KeUndra Gibson, Kendrick Johnson, Justin Simms, and Benjamin Mitchell . The Columbus Idol event is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Columbus Club. Mark your calendars! Who will be the next Columbus Idol! POC for this event is Staff Sgt. Mia Hall at 434-3190.

This program is collecting prom dresses/ballgowns/formal gowns to give to girls in the area who are unable to afford a beautiful dress. Donations can be dropped off to her in person at the Rob Naugher State Farm Office on Hwy 45.

RefresHer

Time to get together with the girls for fun and fellowship at the CAFB Chapel! Join us once a month for a different kind of ladies ministry. We

September 24 - It's a Back to School Theme with games galore, bring your own sack lunch and **Education Counseling Hours** favorite board game, we'll provide the drinks and

October 22 - We'll watch Hope Floats, bring a favorite stew or soup, and for dessert we'll have from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please Coke floats. A short Bible Study relating to the movie will end the evening.

November 12 - Time to dust off the cook books Attention All Deployers and cook up your favorite holiday recipe, don't forget to bring a few copies of the recipe to share. We'll fellowship, swap recipes and stories.

Library Story Time

The base library will hold Story Time on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Story Time will continue to be held each week.

Airmen's Attic

The Airmen's Attic offers gently used items donated by Airmen to be given free of charge to other Airmen. It is located in the Services Complex (bldg 520) directly across the street from the post office/BITS building. Please come visit us on the following days and times: Tuesdays

3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. First and third Saturday's of each month 10

The Airmen's attic is always in need of quality used items to include: kitchenware, clothing free of stains and tears, gently used toys, baby items and linens in good condition. If you have large appliances/furniture items to donate, please contact the Airmen's Attic or your first sergeant to get the item directly to an airmen in need. Please drop off all other items during business hours or contact your first sergeant to set up a scheduled drop-off time. 434-7178. Donations are NOT ALLOWED to be left curb

Saint Leo U. Military Spouse Discount

Military spouses seeking a degree at Saint Leo U. can enroll in two classes and take a third class for FREE. Contact Dew White at 434-8844 or stop by the Saint Leo U. office in the Personnel Bldg., Room 120.

AETC Civilian Tuition Assistance is still available for FY09

To be eligible for Civ TA, the civilian employ-

ee must be an appropriated fund, permanent AETC employee or in a term position with more than one year before the "not to exceed" date. Temporary employees will be considered on a caseby-case basis. AETC civilians can use up to \$4500 per fiscal year. Civilians are restricted to ONE course per TERM, and the per semester hour tuition cap is \$250. Courses must be Air Force mission-related. Call the Education Center at 434-2562/2563 or send an email to edward.hodge@columbus.af.mil for more informa-

Education counseling Bachelor's/Master's programs, Tuition Assistance, etc.) is now available Mondays and Wednesdays contact Edward Hodge at 434-2562 to schedule.

The 14th Communications Squadron has a new system which allows you to place "free" telephone calls back home from your deployed location via DSN. You can call every day or once a week; whichever you prefer (allotted time is 3.5 hours a week). Pin numbers are required and can be picked up along with instructions from the Telephone Systems office located in Building 900, Room 9. Please call 434-2020 for additional infor-

DRMO as a source of supply

Authorized personnel may retrieve property that is marked for DRMO Facilities only if they are still physically located in Base Supply. For more information, call the Inspection Section at extension 434-7233 to review the property, Stock Control at 434-7198 to check for authorization and Customer Support at 434-7178 to order the property. All other DRMO processing is done via the Web at: www.drms.dla.mil

Do you have a supply problem?

Do you need status on an item you ordered? Did you receive the wrong part? The Customer Support section is the single point of contact when requiring assistance on supply related matters. For assistance, you may contact Customer Support at

Zero overpricing program-incentive awards

Overpricing is an issue everyone should be working. All personnel are encouraged to participate, and will be rewarded for any tangible savings resulting from their price challenge. Monetary awards will be given in accordance with AFI 38-401, The Air Force Innovative Development Employee Awareness (IDEA) Program. Advice and guidance are available by calling the Customer Support section of Base Supply, located in Building 158, at 434-7178.

Attention supply customer

If you are looking for that special piece of equipment or furniture for your office, your point of contact is the Inspection Section of Base Supply. Inspection maintains the Last Look Area, which has used equipment and furniture turned in from other organizations that no longer have a need for the items. All items in the Last Look Area are available without charge to your organization. For more information, you can contact the Inspection Section at extension 7233 or 7234.

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Military Personnel

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CAC/PKI Restriction **Knowledge Now (AFKN).**

Effective Sept. 1, the AF Portal will CAC/PKI restrict access to AFKN. This affects off-base access from home or while TDY and particularly regular off-base users (National Guard, Reservists, and DoD contractors). This means you will require either a CAC with reader or an External Certificate Authority (ECA) software certificate to access AFKN via the AF Portal (.com access). There is no change to mil access to AFKN--CAC/PKI enabled since March 2007. Please ensure widest dissemination.

The AFKN and AF Portal are committed to supporting the Warfighter and to meeting USAF and DoD PKI/PKE mandates. There are many benefits with CAC/PKI enablement.

- Members receive secure worldwide access to information and applications, greater information confidence, peace of mind with regard to the security of their account identity, and fewer usernames/passwords to maintain and remember.
- The Air Force benefits from easier user/account administration by leveraging the CAC/PKI as the method of self-registration/maintenance. More importantly, the AF enterprise achieves a greater Information Assurance posture reducing the overall risk to data, networks, and mis-

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Chapel Schedule

Protestant

Sunday: 9 a.m. — Adult Sunday School 10:45 a.m. — Traditional Worship Service (Children's Church) All are invited to a fellowship luncheon following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each

Catholic

Thursday:

5 p.m. — Choir Practice Sunday:

3:45 p.m. — Choir Practice

4:30 p.m. — Confession

5:00 p.m. — Mass

Security forces Airmen

Homes

Commercial 328-2424.

For sale: 61 Cedar Dr., beautifully

Forest; newly renovated kitchen and 1400 sq ft 3 BR 2BA located in spokes. Runs good. baths, with granite countertops; large backyard with wired and air conditioned workshop; 2107 sq ft; just min-Pictures at militarybyowner.com; Call 662-244-5901, or 662-549-9702

For sale: 2002 Caledonia Home for Sale. Beautiful Home Only 12 Minutes From Base, Caledonia School For sale: (Motorcycle) 2005 Honda district, Quite Neighborhood. 1800+ Sq Ft, 3 BR / 2 Baths, Plus Huge Bonus Room (4th BR), 2 Car Garage, Fenced Back Yard, All Situated On 3/4 Acre Corner Lot. Moving Soon: Best Deal In Caledonia! Asking \$155,000. Please Call 662-889-2958 or 2953.

For sale: 3 BR, 2 BA, brick home on 1-plus acres; 1850 sq ft; Caledonia School District, central heating/ac; some hardwood & ceramic tile; 2-car garage; fenced back vd; multiple storage bldgs; \$139,900. FMI call 662-356-6243 after 5:30 p.m.

Bluecutt Estates across from the post 662-386-2180. 215-589-2911 or 662-434-2678.

BARGAIN LINE

Transportation

600RR, 6700mi, Devil exhaust, lots of For Sale: Bowflex \$500; elliptical extras - \$5449 o.b.o. 808-221-2005. For sale: (Motorcycle) 2007 Honda 230CRF, 15+ hours, very little use, excellent condition. - \$2450 o.b.o.

808-221-2005. For sale: Black '07 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab 5.7L V8 Hemi Laramie cover; FMI call 328-7053. Edition; 20" chrome wheels w/ tow package; tan leather, sun roof, auto everything; 6-disc CD player & GPS/Nav; 29K miles, asking \$28,000 obo. FMI call (314) 578-0628 or For sale: Montgomery Ward 25 pint (662)-434-7618.

andscaped 3BR/ 2BA house with For sale or rent: 3406 John Hancock For sale: 2001 Yamaha 250 motorcy- For sale: Clarion cd deck single disk

bonus room, located in Sherwood Dr.; great home 10 minutes from base! cle. Good condition, new tires, new touch screen face 1 owner used 1 yr;

office on Bluecutt. See Pictures at mil- For sale: Kawasaki 750 jet ski. Excel heating element \$40 obo. itarybyowner.com or AHRN.com, ask-condition, runs good, stars on first hit. 662-549-2123. utes from the base! asking \$164,900; ing \$115,000; \$900/month. FMI call Selling, not a river person. \$1500.00 obo. 662-356-0792.

Miscellaneous

trainer, \$100; FMI call 662-327-4915 or cell at 662-574-6786.

Wanted: Good used serger machine, FMI call 662-328-3977.

Free: Baby Bed, mattress for baby bed \$10, includes two sheets and mattress

For sale: Drapery Fabric, approximately 15 yds., 56 " wide, avocado green with small gold design; new \$20. Phone: 328-7053.

dehumidifier \$30. FMI call 356-0045.

retail \$550 asking \$200 obo. Kenmore hd dryer with additional

Pets

Free to good home: Rescued 2-3 yr old male Jack Russell Terrier. Vet checked out healthy. No heart worms. Received rabies shots and we had him neutered. Very friendly sweet disposition. Loves children and gets along well with our dogs. House and kennel broken. Leash trained. Call for info. Steve at 434-7775 or 903-276-0223.

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2009-2010 Flu Vaccines available in October

Lt Col (Dr.) Michael Rappa Public Health Emergency Officer

Dr. Misty Looney Public Health Element Chief

and 1Lt Basil Aboul-Enein

Public Health Officer Since the middle of May, the state of Mississippi has con-

firmed a total of 622 cases of H1N1 flu in 70 of their 82 counties. With the 2009-2010 flu season soon approaching, thousands of cases of seasonal and H1N1 are anticipated. Vaccinations will be an important step towards protecting yourself against both the seasonal flu and H1N1 flu. Seasonal flu vaccine is expected to be available at the 14 MDG Immunizations Clinic at Columbus AFB by the first week of disease transmission: October, and the vaccine for H1N1 is expected to be available

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the top groups of people who should receive the avoid touching face seasonal flu vaccine this flu season are:

•children aged 6 months up through 18 years, especially cleaner/disinfectant those children aged 6 months through 4 years

• persons aged 50 years and older •persons of any age over 6 months with certain chronic

• persons who live with or provide care for infants aged less

than 6 months (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers)

•persons who live in nursing homes and other long-term

• persons who live with or care for those at high risk for com-

plications from flu such as health care workers We recommend that all eligible beneficiaries get immunized with the seasonal flu vaccine to reduce both the risk of becom-

ing ill with the flu and the risk of transmitting it to others. For the H1N1 vaccine, the target groups are:

pregnant women

• persons aged 6 months up through 24 years

 persons aged 25 through 64 years with certain chronic medical conditions

 persons who live with or provide care for infants aged less than 6 months (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers)

•health-care and emergency medical services personnel

Preventive hygiene is the best protection against the flu. Follow the "flu prevention etiquette" to minimize the risk of

• wash hands frequently with warm water & soap or alcoholbased hand sanitizer

• cough/sneeze into sleeve not hands; avoid shaking hands;

• wipe surfaces (desktops, door handles, phones, tools—anything frequently touched by hands) with an approved

• stay at least three feet away from someone who is cough-

•if you get sick, stay home from work or school and limit

For reliable information on seasonal and H1N1 flu, please visit the CDC website at:

http://www.cdc.gov/flu/ and the Mississippi State Health Department at: http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/.

BRIEFS

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Airman and Family Readiness Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call 434-2790 or email afrc@colum-

Power and Computer Outages at the AFRC

The Airman and Family Readiness Center will be under a power outage and unavailable for service Sept. 17. In addition, the center will have no computer access Sept. 14-30.

Hearts Apart

The next Hearts Apart Social will be Sept. 22 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Hearts Apart is a gathering for the families of deployed members or remotely stationed personnel. Advanced registration is required, please call 434-2790 for more information.

Pre-separation counseling

Mandatory briefings for personnel separating or retiring need to be completed at least 90 days prior to separation. Members may complete up to 12 months prior to separation or retirement. Counseling held daily at 8:30 p.m. Takes approximately 30 minutes. Please call 434-2839 or 434-2790 for more information.

Pre and post deployment tour brief

Mandatory briefings for active duty personnel who are either deploying or returning from deployment or a remote tour. Briefings are held daily at the AFRC. Pre-deployment at 9:30 a.m., and post-deployment at 1330. POC AFRC, 434-2790.

Air Force doctor advances cyanide poisoning treatment

14th SFS deployed member on cutting edge of force protection

Airman 1st Class Christopher Carranza, a 14th Security Forces Squadron member currently

deployed, operates a Commonly Remote Operated Weapons Station from inside a

HUMVEE. The CROWS takes the gunner out of the turret and puts them inside the vehicle

WASHINGTON — In espionage novels, lower blood pressure and acid buildup in the blood. cyanide capsules are swallowed by captured spies who would rather commit suicide than divulge clas- colleagues tested the standard, 50-year-old drug used in so many works of fiction is a real threat for the metal cobalt. being used as a terrorist weapon.

with Science: Research and Applications for the there's a difference," Doctor Bebarta said. Modern Military" on Pentagon Web Radio.

Center bombing in 1993, which many people were all cyanide from the blood. not aware of," Doctor Bebarta said. "It was used in the sarin nerve gas bombing (in Tokyo) in 1995; and large building that catches on fire, (or a terrorist in the last two years, there have been four foiled event) and you need to treat several patients in the plots in Europe and a couple of domestic plots also field or in an ambulance, you need something that a that have been foiled."

may come from inhaling smoke from burning plaspatients is not feasible." he said. tics during industrial or home fires. Swallowing or In the future, Doctor Bebarta said, he would like Bebarta said. Toxic effects include severe sedation, rological outcomes for patients.

where they are safer and more effective.

During a year-long study, Doctor Bebarta and his

sified information. But the highly toxic chemical treatment against a newer medication made with

"We conducted an experiment comparing the Maj. (Dr.) Vik Bebarta, a physician and medical old antidote kit with the new one and looking at a toxicology specialist, outlined the real-life concerns very critically ill (lab animal) model. Comparing about cyanide during a Sept. 2 Web cast of "Armed" blood pressure and other parameters, (we saw) that

That difference showed better results using the "It was (possibly) used in the first World Trade newer antidote to raise blood pressure and eliminate

"When you have a big exposure, for example, a paramedic can give quickly to several patients — Aside from terrorist attacks, exposure to cyanide and putting in an IV (vein catheter) for all these

breathing even a small amount of cyanide, from 200 to conduct research to determine which treatments

what we train," said Sergeant Talbert, to 300 milligrams, is all it takes to become ill, Doctor for cyanide toxicity support the best long-term neuwho is deployed from Eglin Air Force

Base, Fla., and is a native of Baton Rouge, La. "You get a feel for how the at Camp Stryker, Iraq. Airman station is, talk to the station com- Gregory is a 732nd Expeditionary mander and train. It's an ongoing Security thing — we're always training, just like

can have 150 to 350 policeman.

CAMP STRYKER, Iraq —

security forces Airmen provide train-

and clearing buildings. One station

"There is no real set outline on

their district in Iraq.

"You get to see the difference," he continued. "Being here from day one, you see what skill set they are and their knowledge. Three to four months progress is pretty fun." down the line you get to see their progress and you get to see the impact agreed. vou've made here."

"Getting supplies and logistics in field or a base, you don't get to interact Iraq is hard to do," said Staff Sgt. Brett with Iraqis," said Staff Sgt. Shawn Lafreniere, who is assigned to the Hardesty, the vehicle commander 732nd ESFS and deployed from Nellis deployed from Langley AFB, Va. AFB, Nev. "The biggest aspect is to "You're biased to what you see on the make sure they know how to patrol news. Once you get here and talk to and run their station properly. When the IPs, you realize that most of them we show up, we hold them account- are tired of war, and that they are tryable and make sure that they are doing ing to secure their areas cause they their patrols."

Even with the hardships, the 732nd ESFS Airmen feel this deploy- the news, there are 20-30 good things ment has been a pleasant change from happening here," said Sergeant

"Working with typical deploy- "They don't show that stuff on the ments where we're just securing air- news. Right now we're protecting and field, you don't get to interact with the monitoring a specific district, but over community," said Sergeant Talbert, a time we're helping to protect an entire native of Lake Force, Calif. "Being country."



Senior Airman Jason Gregory performs maintenance checks on a .50 caliber machine gun mounted in a Humvee gunner turret Aug. 22, 2009, **Forces** Squadron Detachment 2 Police Transition Team gunner and deployed from Langley Air Force Base, Va. He is a native of New Caney, Texas.

able to interact and watch them

Another security forces Airman

"Whenever you're just on an air-

don't want their families getting hurt. "For every one bad thing you see on Hardesty, a native of Terra Alta W.Va.

On Education

Lt. Col. Steve Ankerstar 50th Flying Training Squadron commander

education n. – The knowledge or skill gained by enhanced mental awareness

Education is more than training. Training is simply the teaching of skills whereas education builds upon this training to understand how these skills integrate into the bigger picture. In basic terms, training focuses on "how" and education focuses on "why." As a flying training wing, our mission is to train aviators by providing them the baseline skill set to operate a major weapon system. Any education gained along the way is certainly beneficial, but the primary focus is on developing the minimum skill set. I believe that all of us are educators as well as trainers. I ask that each of you as trainers whether on the flight line or in the work center—take the time to educate your people along the way. The benefit of everyone understanding the "why" and not just the "how" are immeasura-

Education can be grouped into three broad categories—technical, professional, and personal—with each playing a major role in developing one's enhanced mental awareness.

Technical education is education regarding one's technical field or core competency. This involves staying up to date on numerous technical manuals

and instructions that directly relate to areas that develop you beyond your daily performance in the workplace. It provides a core foundation of technical knowledge enhancing technical skills. This is the primary function of Core Developmental Courses for enlisted personnel. As a rated officer, I seek information regarding the latest situation on aviation platforms and rated management issues to stay on the leading edge of where we are going as a rated force. Technical education should be the first level of education to make you that much better at your primary job.

Professional education provides education regarding one's profession. This is the next level above the technical level, where you can step back and learn about the profession of arms as a whole. I encourage each military member to complete their appropriate PME as soon as possible. I mentor my officers to enroll in their non-resident PME program as soon as eligible and to have it compete prior to actually pinning on their next rank. This way they can learn to be a better major right away versus waiting until they have already been a major for two years. Professional education also involves staying on top of current events through skimming the Early Bird everyday and reading such publications as Air Force Magazine, Armed Forces Journal, and Defense Weekly, to name a few.

Personal education is learning in

technical skill or profession. These include CCAF and civilian degree programs. The military highly encourages personal education to continue to develop ourselves and also make us more marketable for life after the military. I truly believe that each individual should prepare themselves along the military journey for their second career. Even if we stay until retirement, military members leave the service in their forties, with their prime earning vears ahead. Civilian degrees help us round out our resume to prepare for a follow-on profession. I encourage each individual to find something that they are interested in versus resisting the temptation to just "fill a square" in this

Money spent on education is money well spent. The same can be said for time. I have certainly invested a significant amount of both time and money into education and I truly believe that education is one of the fundamental keys to success in whatever endeavor you choose to undertake. Note that both education and training are part of MAICOM's namesake—Air Education and Training Command because both are very different and very important. Take the time to become an educator as well as a trainer in the workplace and your organization will benefit in the future.

Commander's Action Line Inquiry

Columbus AFB does not have an AAFES Car us, the customer can pay for the service completed Care Center. Two questions were asked on the and come to the Main Store customer service sec-Commander's Action Line. 1) If I purchased a Tire tion for a full refund on the amount they paid." A Service Agreement (TSA) at another base, will the copy of the AAFES TSA agreement must be pre-Columbus AFB BX honor the warranty? 2) Can I purchase tires through AAFES without a Car Care Center and without ordering them online?

AAFES will honor a TSA previously purchased, however TSAs will no longer be sold at bases that do not have a Car Care Center. Mr. Jerry Herron, that "all the customer needs to do is go to the local source of their choice and have the company bill AAFES for the service. If the company will not bill AAFES.

sented to receive the refund.

Tires can be purchased at AAFES prices from Lowndes County Radial in Columbus, however only the brands sold by this local retailer can be purchased. For example, if AAFES offers a special on Goodyear tires a customer cannot purchase this General Manager Columbus AFB Exchange, states brand at the local retailer. Please contact Lowndes County Radial or the BX customer service desk for a list of tires that can be purchased locally through

Leaders must also be followers

Chief Master Sgt. Richard the leader's request only **Brackett**

14th Flying Training Wing command chief master seraeant

Every leader, regardless of position, also plays the role of follower. In fact, leadership and followership have a very symbiotic relationship. You cannot have one without the other. As leaders, we must always nurture strong, loyal followers who can be depended on and who can assume the lead if called upon to do so. As followers, we must support our leaders toward successful accomplishment of the mission.

Think of your role as an Air Force leader like a conductor in an orchestra. The conductor must choose the music, players and perform before the public. He has the power to determine what, when and where they will play, but each musician must exhibit leadership and followership in the performance to make it a success. Airmen moving in and out of leadership and followership roles are how we accomplish our mission every day.

Just as there are good and bad leaders, there are also good and bad followers. I would like to discuss the three basic categories of followers. First, there are those individuals who never question an activity or order. Clearly, there are times we must do as we are told and not question the directions but if you never ask questions it shows a lack of initiative and self-confidence. In today's Air Force, we can no longer be satisfied with the status quo; we must strive towards continuous process improvement. All of us need to take a cold eye approach and look for ways to improve how we do business.

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because they fear the loss of position, the loss of favor of the leader or public embarrassment. They grudgingly carry out orders and carefully hide their lack of enthusiasm. This is a cancerous attitude in any organization. As a leader, if you continually correct followers in public and rarely praise them, you are creating this type of follower and setting yourself and your unit up for failure. As a follower, you need to be willing to step out of your comfort zone and discuss your fears with your supervisors. Everyone's input is essential for mission success.

The third and most effective form of followership is a totally involved, loyal and supportive team member. They should be involved to the point that there is a feeling of ownership in the accomplishment of the task at hand. As a loyal follower, they need to be faithful not only to their leaders but to their peers and subordinates as well. Finally, they must be supportive both up and down the chain to ensure mission success.

None of us were born with all the qualities needed to make us successful leaders and followers. The Air Force gives all of us the opportunity to learn about effective leadership and followership skills through attendance at professional military education courses at specific points in our careers. Everything we do well in life we accomplish through persistence and the right attitude. I would like to end this article with a quote from Henry Ford that has inspired me, "whether you think that you can, or think you can't, you are usually right."

14 MDG Reduces Services on Thursday Afternoons

Beth Sherman 14th Medical Group

Beginning in September, the 14th Medical Group will limit available services each Thursday after 12 p.m. to urgent needs only, in order to correct a deficiency in training.

We encourage you to seek care or service for your non-urgent needs during our regularly scheduled hours and avoid Thursday afternoons. Non-urgent needs include but are not limited to: picking up medication refills, activating referrals, filing travel vouchers, obtaining TRICARE information and having routine labs and x-rays done. In addition, Flight Medicine will not hold sick call on Thursday afternoons. All "return to fly" evaluations must be completed at the Thursday morning sick call or wait until Friday morning. If you feel you have an urgent medical need, please contact the clinic at (662) 434-CARE or (662) 434-3373 for guidance before you proceed to the clinic. This will ensure your needs are met in the most appropriate manner.

The 14th Medical Group is committed to providing you the best possible health care. Two components are critical to accomplishing our goal: meetings and training. First, meetings are crucial to defining our business practices. Second, training ensures our staff maintains their skills and fully understand their roles and responsibilities associated with patient care and customer service. Devoting adequate time for these vital tasks is essential to our success. For some time the clinic has provided reduced service on Thursday afternoons; despite this reduced capability, the organization has been unable to devote enough time to our organizational needs. Utilizing AFSO21 principles to thoroughly evaluate all requirements, it was determined that a change to current activities is warranted, and our beneficiaries' support is needed.

With these minor adjustments to our current process, we will be able to achieve a delicate balance between your urgent needs and our training requirements and will be able to truly stand by our commitment of providing the quality health care you deserve.

Columbus AFB to Celebrate a Legacy of Heroes and the Air Force's 62nd Birthday

Capt. Rylan Charlton14th Operational Support Squadron

The stage is set for the 2009 Air Force Ball, which will take place Sept. 18 at the Trotter Convention Center in downtown Columbus, Miss. The theme for this year, Legacy of Heroes, is only a slight modification of traditional Air Force Ball themes, which usually celebrate the Air Force's history while maintaining an optimistic vision of the future. What is rare, but hopefully exciting and entertaining for everyone, will be the two guest speakers.

The honorary speaker will be Retired Lt. Col. Gene Smith, who will speak briefly during the early part of the evening. Colonel Smith was a Prisoner of War in Vietnam and also served as the Commander of the 50th Flying Training Squadron and 14th Flying Training Wing director of operations after his experience as a POW. In addition to his service at Columbus Air Force Base, he is a native of Tunica, Miss., and a resident of West Point, Miss. His impressive biography makes him uniquely suited to speak about the Legacy of Heroes that the AF Ball is celebrating and that Columbus AFB strives to embody today.

Later in the evening, attendees of the Ball will enjoy a address from the distinguished speaker, Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air Education and Training Command commander. Like Colonel Smith, General Lorenz brings with him a lengthy and impressive resume and a wealth of experience, also making him an ideal speaker to address the 2009 Air Force Ball.

Throughout the evening the 14th FTW plans to show off its local talent in a variety of capacities. Festivities will begin with the National Anthem, sung by Airmen 1st Class Benjamin Mitchell from the 14th OSS. The evening's emcees will be 1st Lt. James Schmidt, 49th FTS and Staff Sgt. David Palmer from the 14th OSS. The Columbus AFB Honor Guard will present the colors, and participate in a POW/MIA recognition. The caterer for the evening will be the Columbus Club, who has worked diligently to prepare for the evening. The cake will be prepared and provided by Vicky Wilson, Chief of Resources, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron. The Air Force Ball Committee will also present each guest with a small challenge coin, also a small modification of traditional AF Ball keepsakes. The coin was designed by the Annual Ball Committee to commemorate the Legacy of Heroes at Columbus Air Force Base, in the United States



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Attendees of the 2008 Air Force Ball enjoy music and dance during the evening's festivities. This year's Air Force Ball will be Sept. 18 at the Trotter Convention Center, and will feature Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air Education and Training Command commander, and Retired Lt. Col. Gene Smith, former Vietnam prisoner of war, as guest speakers.

Air Force, and to remember the evening's festivities. Following the formal ceremony, the evening will be capped off with live music provided by Citizen Kane, a band from nearby Sulligent, Ala. Citizen Kane specializes in "oldies but goodies" and classic rock, and will certainly inspire dancing as the evening comes to a close.

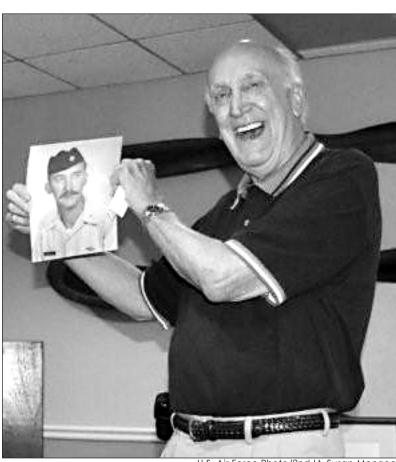
Numerous volunteers throughout the 14th Flying Training Wing made all of the preparations leading up to the event possible. These include ticket representatives from every organization on base for both fundraising and for the overall Air Force Ball, extensive work by the 14th FTW Multimedia Center, and a wealth of support in fundraising and catering by the Columbus Club. The Annual Ball Committee would like to thank all those who volunteered their time and effort to help prepare for this memorable event.

The Annual Ball Committee anticipates approximately 350 guests. On Sept. 10, all

remaining tickets will be collected and sold on a first come first served basis until Wednesday, Sept 16. If you would like to purchase any tickets during this time, please contact the head ticket POCS in the 48th FTS, Senior Airman Kendra Harris and Tech Sgt. Rebecca Nye (434-2933), or AF Ball Committee chairman Capt. Rylan Charlton in the 14th OSS (434-1182). As a reminder, childcare is available for the evening from Child Development Center, and registration is in person at the CDC no later than 16 September. Contact the CDC at 434-2479 with questions about childcare.

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Daedalians



U.S. Air Force Photo/2nd Lt. Susan Mongeon Retired Col. George Courington shared a few war stories of his experiences flying the OA-37 Dragonfly in Southeast Asia at the Daedalian dinner September 3 at the Columbus Club. The next Daedalians meeting, a fraternal order of military pilots, will meet again for dinner on Thursday, October 1.

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acquainted with their weapons system. He said they should continue to learn about their weapons system throughout their career.

"The key is to be an expert," he said. "Know your airplane."

He also said that our nation is at war, and each graduate must be ready to help defend their nation.

"You will all contribute to your nation's national security," he said. "You have got to be ready for everything."

As a former instructor pilot, General Ramsaur has experienced the world of pilot training as both an instructor and a student, and has seen how the pilot training world has changed over the years.

"There is so much advanced simulation

today," he said. The general added that when he attended training, the only simulation available to them was instrument procedures trainers, almost nothing like the full scale simulators used today.

Patients must use Referral Management Center for referrals

14th Medical Group

The Koritz Clinic is asking for your assis-

tance when requesting or seeking referrals for

network care from the 14th Medical Group.

rals or referral extensions a minimum of 7 days

appointment without an appropriate authoriza-

tion from the Managed Care Support contrac-

tor (HUMANA), unless you intend to use your

Point of Service option and pay out of pocket

All referrals will be processed based

referral to be expedited out of convenience

(e.g., same day), they will be asked to resched-

ule their network appointment or use their

It is important that you stop by the Referral

Management Center (RMC) each time you

have a referral written or renewed, so they can

"activate" your referral and provide you a copy.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated, and will allow the providers, nurses and

technicians as well as the Referral Management

Center to focus on medically urgent situations.

Lt Chris Ianni at (662) 434-2238 or Maj Lisa

Please direct any questions or concerns to

cost (this does not include ER, Urgent Care).

before their scheduled appointment.

All patients must request new refer-

Do not schedule any network

Should a patient call requesting a

Effective Sept. 1:

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point of service option.

Davison at (662) 434-2181.

In his position at AETC, General Ramsaur provides an Air Force Reserve focus to what the command does, and acts as an Air Force Reserve member presence in the command staff.

Air Force Reserve Command members, assigned to the 43rd Flying Training Squadron, help augment the instruction of student pilots, both as full-time reservists and traditional reservists.

"Reserve members bring continuity and a tremendous skill-set to pilot training," General Ramsaur noted. "(If something slows down pilot training) the reserve members can help the wing surge and catch up to schedule."

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The Blaze Race

"The BLAZE Race" 5K/10K flight line run will be tomorrow. The start/finish line is at the Columbus AFB Fitness Center for either distance, \$20 if registered by August 28, \$25 up until the start of the race. All participants receive moisture wicking event shirt. Size guaranteed only if registered by Aug 28. Eight specially-made Under Armour, large duffle bags given out to for main prizes. Runners may register at the CAFB Fitness Center, any Columbus YMCA, the MUW Fitness Center, the Fitness Factor or online at www.active.com or www.cafbservices.com under the Fitness page. All runners welcome to attend including the civilian community. Strollers are welcome but no dogs please. For all questions call the CAFB Fitness Center at 434-2772.



<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat/Sun</u>
14	15	16	17	18	19/20
Night Flying Week	Dorm Dinner, 5 p.m. @ Chapel	ALS Graduation, 6:30 p.m. @ Club	09-15 Assignment Night, 5 p.m. @ Club	POW/MIA Retreat/Flyover, 3 p.m. @ Smith Plaza AF Ball, 6 p.m. @ Trotter Convention Center	
21	Hearts Apart, 4:30 p.m. OSC Social, 6 p.m.	23	24	Fun Run, 7 a.m. Wing Commander's Cup Golf Challenge, 12 p.m. 10-08 Track Select, 4:30 p.m. Hispanic Heritage Food Tasting, 4:30 p.m. @ Chapel Annex	26/27 Retiree Appreciation Day

Long Term Events

Sept. 29 - Newcomers Orientation Sept. 29 - Wing Commander's Call

Sept. 29 - Enlisted Promotions Oct. 1 - International Spouses Lunch

Oct. 1 - Daedalians meeting

Oct. 2 - 09-15 Graduation

Oct. 3-10 - Fire Prevention Week

Oct. 9 - Hispanic Heritage Luncheon

Oct. 9 - Princess Open Golf Tournament

Oct. 9 - 10-01 Assignment Night

Larkin wins Whispering Pines Championship



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Hal Larkin, Jr., (shown above) was the only one person shot under par during the Whispering Pines Club Championship this Labor Day weekend and it helped him to retain his title as the club champion with the closest competitor 15 strokes behind him. He scored a 68, 71 and 70 for the weekend. The tournament was broken down into three flights and was based on the second day of play. The handicap champion was John Edens with a low net score for three days of 189. Toni Holcomb took back the Women's Championship Title for the eleventh time. Over \$1,600 was given in prizes throughout the weekend. Upcoming tournaments are the Commanders Challenge, Sept. 25 and the four person mixed tournament, October 2. For more information, call 434-7932.

Sports Shorts

Harley Bowling League: National Bowling Weeks is Aug. 29 to Sep. 5 – A special every day of this week – Monday is kids, ages 12 and under, bowl free all day long, Tuesday is League Signs Ups., Wednesday – bring in your bowling equipment for a free check up and cleaning, Thursday is Bowl one game and get one free bowling, Friday is Cosmic bowling for \$1.50 per game and Saturday help set the world record for bowling. A Free T-shirt and certificate to participants while supplies last. For more information, call 434-3426.

Nickelodeon Worldwide Day of Play: Come enjoy track and field events from 4 to 5 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Youth center. For more information, call 434-2504.

Winter bowling leagues: Sign up now – leagues available for the Thursday night intramural league, the Tuesday night mixed league and the youth league on Saturday mornings. If you would like to start a league, contact the bowling center for more information. Call 434-3577.

Commanders Cup Championship: Here's your chance to challenge your rival squadron to a competition on the golf course. Cost is \$15 plus greens fees for this four person scramble Sept. 25. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Register by noon Sept. 24. For more information, call 434-7932.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 46 BLAZE TEAM members are de-ployed worldwide. Remember to support the Airmen and their families while they are away.

